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Masters and Students of the Force

For a thousand generations young Jedi Knights have dedicated their lives to preserving harmony and justice throughout the Galactic Republic.

Four millennia before the birth of Luke Skywalker, the brothers Ulic and Cay Qel-Droma were two who took up the Jedi way. Together with the Twi'lek Tott Doneeta they apprenticed to the wise Jedi Master Arca of Arkaria.

Another student of the Force was Nomi Sunrider, who chose to become a Jedi Knight after the tragic death of her Jedi husband, Andur. Nomi and her daughter Vima were taught by the great beast-Jedi, Master Thon of Ambria.

These renowned Jedi, and others equally as valiant, became enmeshed in dramatic and harrowing events surrounding the reappearance of the dark teachings of the Sith, an ancient race of magicians long thought extinct.

Four hundred years before Arca and Thon, a dark Jedi named Freedon Nadd introduced the suppressed Sith teachings to the planet Onderon. Nadd's dark-side powers took hold on the isolated world, and flourished unchecked until Master Arca brought together a band of Jedi to root them out.

Now Freedon Nadd's living spirit has managed to confound the great old Jedi. On Onderon, under Arca's very nose, Nadd has instructed two young aristocrats, Satal Keto and Aleema, heirs to the throne of the Empress Teta System. Satal and Aleema have returned to their homeworld as powerful initiates of the Sith way.

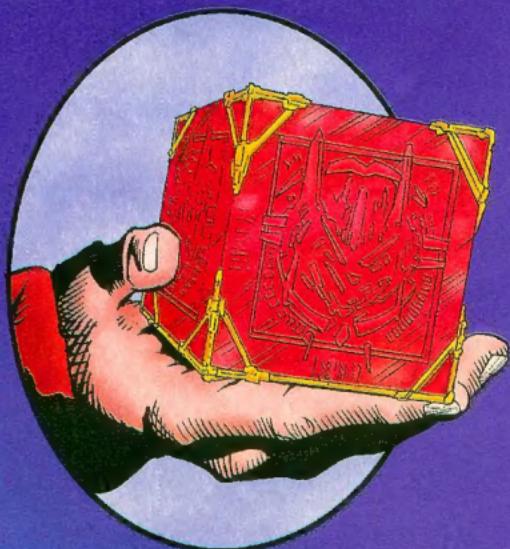
Elsewhere, other events are unfolding that will affect the future of the Galaxy: On the planet Dantooine, a proud Jedi named Exar Kun steals his Master's holocron, curious to learn more about the legendary fallen Jedi Knights who were known as the Dark Lords of the Sith.

The Holocron speaks . . .

“Time and again, throughout the eons, the power of the dark side of the Force has advanced with the fury of a storm, sweeping up star system after star system. Only in great conflagration were the forces of the dark side defeated...”

“The dark side has come before, and it will come again. Do **not** underestimate its power. That is why I have devoted my life to teaching Jedi Knights, to strengthen the light side against the tide of darkness that is sure to come.”

Vodo-Siosk Baas, Jedi Master



"HEAR ME, OH JEDI..."

"IT IS AN ILL-FATED TIME FOR SITH SORCERER NAGA SADOU... EXILED BY HIS DARK LORD, BRANDED A CRIMINAL BY THE REPUBLIC, HE FLEES ACROSS THE GALAXY, DESPERATE TO ESCAPE."

"THIS ANTIQUATED CORSAIR PASSES UNDER THE DENARI NOVA, A RARE DOUBLE STAR."

"THE GUNS OF THE REPUBLIC WARRIORS SPELL CERTAIN DOOM FOR THIS SITH ADEPT AND HIS CONFEDERATES..."

"...BUT SITH MAGICIANS PLAY BY DIFFERENT RULES!"

THE
GUNSHIPS
ARE CLOSING,
MASTER
SADOU.

THE
CREW IS IN
READINESS.

GOOD!
STEER OUR VESSEL
BETWEEN THE DENARI
SIANS...

IT IS TIME TO
REMIND THE REPUBLIC
OF THE POWER OF THE
DARK SIDE!

"THE SMALLER RENEGADE STAR FEEDS ON GASES STOLEN FROM ITS LARGER BROTHER."

"CAPTAIN! THEY'RE HEADING BETWEEN THE STARS!"

"LET OUR SHIELDERS SURVIVE THAT RIVER OF FIRE!"

"BETTER THAT WE DON'T FALL AHEAD!"

"ESPECIALLY IN THE NATURAL ORDER OF THE UNIVERSE, GREAT PLATES OF BURNING GASES PASS FROM ONE STAR TO THE OTHER."

"HOWEVER, THE FLEETING WITH CARE HONORABLES THE NATURAL ORDER OF THE UNIVERSE!"



"INDEED THE SIXTH GUARDIANS BELIEVE THE CENTER OF THE UNIVERSE BELONGS TO THEM."

"MUSA LAROU LONGHOES THE DEATH OF A BORE SYSTEM A SMALL PRICE FOR HIS OWN SURVIVAL."

"ACCORDING TO THEIR OWN HOLOCRON, THE ARREST NAGA SADHO ESCAPED THE COSMIC HOLOCAUST HE CREATED... AND VANISHED WITH HIS FOLLOWERS."

"SADHO WAS A MEMBER OF AN ELITE PRIESTHOOD OF PURE SITH BLOOD WHO WERE IN REBELLION AGAINST THEIR RULERS, THE FALLEN JEDI, WHO WERE THE TITLE DARK LORDS OF SITH."

THE DARK LORDS WERE POWERFUL JEDI KNIGHTS WHO USED THE DARK SIDE OF THE FORCE TO MASTER THE SITH PEOPLE.

THERE COULD BE BUT ONE DARK LORD AT A TIME... THIS LINEAGE WAS PASSED FROM ONE GENERATION TO THE NEXT.

IT IS SAID THEIR MUMIFIED REMAINS ARE PRESERVED FOREVER ON A HIDDEN WORLD, IN MONUMENTAL TEMPLES THEY CONSTRUCTED TO HONOR THEMSELVES.

BUT MASTER VODO, IF THERE WAS ONLY ONE DARK LORD AT A TIME, WHERE OTHER DARK JEDI ENVIOUS

"VERY TRUE... SOME OF THE JEDI WHO BECAME STUDENTS OF THE DARK WAY COULDN'T WAIT TO BE CHOSEN—OR NOT CHOSEN—TO SUCCEED THE REIGNING DARK LORD..."

"ONE SUCH WAS FREDDON NADD."

"NADD ROAMED THE UNCHARTED SYSTEMS UNTIL HE FOUND A WORLD HE COULD DOMINATE USING THE POWERS OF THE DARK SIDE."

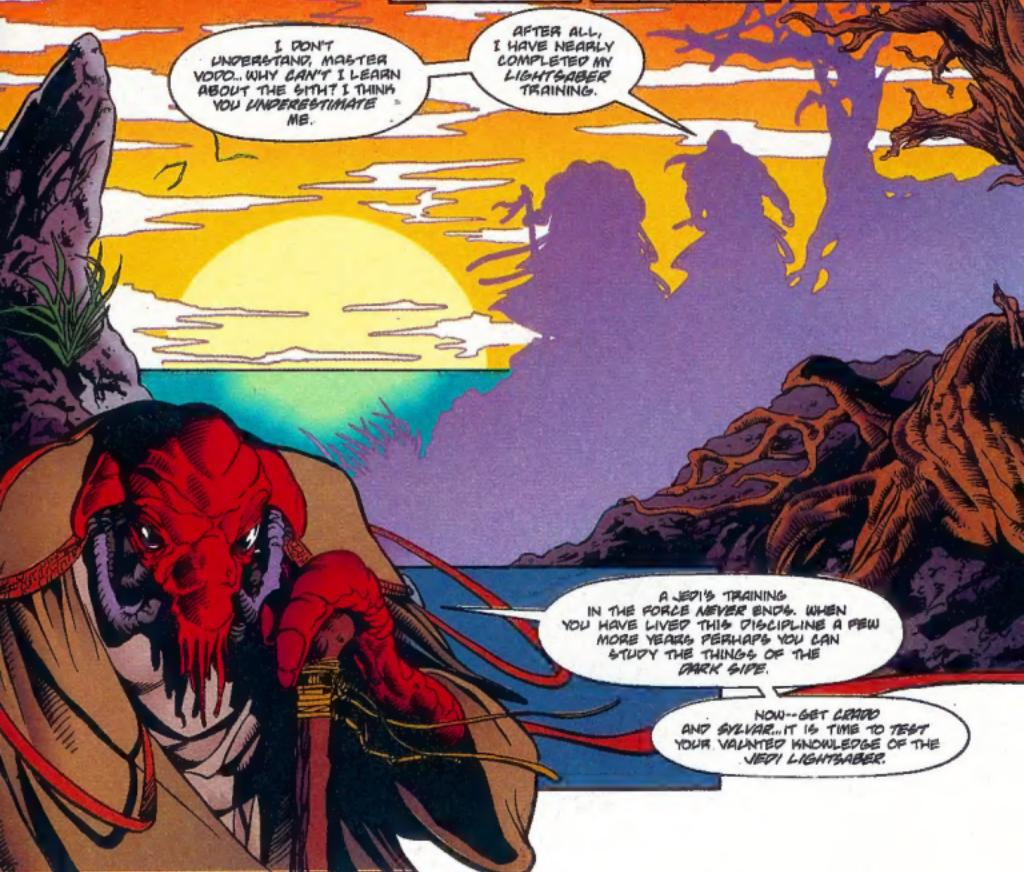
WHAT WORLD WAS THAT, MASTER VODO?

ONDERON, MY SON, AND WHY IS THE FATE OF A RENEGADE JEDI OF SUCH INTEREST TO MY GREATEST STUDENT?

MASTER VODO— I WAS ONLY CURIOUS TO SEE WHAT YOU'VE BEEN RECORDING IN YOUR HOLOCRON!

CURIOSITY CAN BE REWARDING, EXAR KAN.

—BUT SOME TEACHINGS OF THE HOLOCRON ARE DANGEROUS BEFORE YOU'RE READY.



THE EMPRESS TETA SYSTEM.

THANK YOU
FOR MAKING THE
JOURNEY TO OUR
BLEAK OUTPOST,
LORD KETO.

CHAIRMAN
BEARUS, YOU KNOW
WE ALWAYS ENJOY THIS
ANNUAL INSPECTION
TOUR!

NAMED FOR THE HUMAN WARLORD
WHO CONQUERED AND UNITED ITS
SEVEN WORLDS, EMPRESS TETA IS
A PRIME SOURCE OF RAW CARBONITE,
A VOLATILE METAL INDISPENSABLE
IN THE MANUFACTURE OF FASTER-
THAN-LIGHT ENGINES.

THE DESCENDANTS OF EMPRESS
TETA CONTINUE TO RULE THE
SEVEN WORLDS,
BUT THEY HAVE BEEN FORCED TO
SHARE POWER WITH THE
COMMERCIAL INTERESTS THAT
DEVELOPED THE CARBONITE MINES.

CHAIRMAN!
ANOTHER ROYAL
SHIP IS DOCKING...
CARRYING ROYAL TUTOR
KORUS AND SIX
STUDENTS.

...AN UNSCHEDULED
FIELD TRIP SHOULD I SEND
THEM AWAY?

NO...LET
THEM JOIN US. I'M SURE
LORD AND LADY KETO
WON'T MIND.

ON THE CONTRARY--
KORUS SHOULD KNOW
BETTER THAN TO BRING CHILDREN
HERE DURING THE LORD'S
INSPECTION!

IT'S
NOT A PROBLEM
AS FAR AS THE MINING
GUILD IS CONCERNED,
LADY KETO.

THEIR
PRESENCE HERE WILL BE AN
EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE
FOR ALL OF US I'M
SURE.





THE CARBONITE GUILD AND THE TETRIN ROYALTY ARE A TIGHTLY KNOT GROUP, ARROGANT AND RUTHLESS.



THIS IS AN UNFORGIVABLE BREACH OF PROTOCOL!



MANY MONTHS AGO, TO AMUSE THEMSELVES, THESE BORED YOUNG ARISTOCRATS BEGAN DABBING IN THE LORE OF PRIMITIVE MAGIC.

THEY FORMED A SECRET SOCIETY THEY CALLED THE KRATH, AFTER A DEMON FROM THE FAIRY TALES OF THEIR YOUTH.

ON A TRIP TO CORUSCANT AND CISERON, IN SEARCH OF DARK SIDE LORE, SATEL AND ALEEMA STUMBED ON SITH SECRETS.

SUDDENLY, WHAT STARTED AS A GAME HAS TURNED VERY SERIOUS.





THE TETAN WARRIORS, BELIEVING THEY HAVE BEEN SAVAGED BY LIVE SERPENTS, FALL INTO CATATONIC SHOCK--

SATHA... WHATEVER YOU'RE DOING, I ORDER YOU TO STOP THIS AT ONCE!

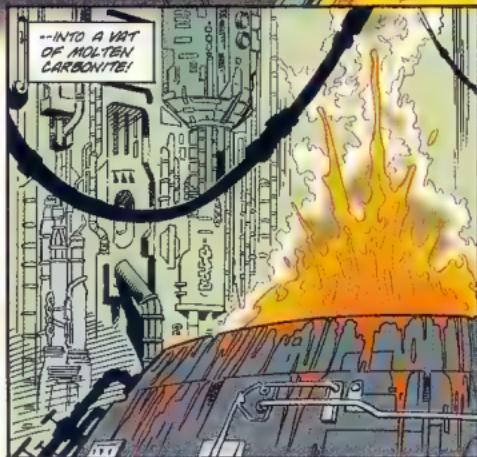
SHUT UP, FATHER. WHY ARE YOU ALWAYS SO POMPOUS AND COOL?

COME, MY FRIENDS, BRING THE USELESS OLD THINGS...

THEY NEED TO COMPLETE THEIR INSPECTION.



TERRIFIED BY A POWERFUL ILLUSION, A CARBONITE WORKER STUMBLERS BACK--





THE POLITICAL COUP OF THE KERTH IS NO LARK-- IT WAS PLANNED WITH VILLAINOUS PRECISION WORTHY OF DARK SIDE MASTERMINDS.



OUR... uh... WILLING COHORT GENERAL VULPE INFORMS ME THAT THE LAST OF THE COMPANY SMELTERS HAS SURRENDERED TO OUR RULE.





AT SOME POINT IN THEIR EXPERIMENTS WITH SITH SPELLS, THE YOUNG TETAN CROSSED AN INVISIBLE THRESHOLD...



THEY TAPPED INTO A STRATA OF DARK MAGIC THAT GREW MORE POWERFUL AND CORRUPTING AS IT WAS USED.



IN FACT, IT WAS ALREADY BEGIN TO SHATTER THEIR MINDS, TRANSFORMING THEM INTO ITS WILLING SERVANTS, INFUSING THEM WITH ENERGIES THAT OFFER MORE THAN ILLUSION!



THIS IS THE AGE WHEN TIRED OLD FATHERS AND TEACHERS MUST STEP ASIDE FOR THE POWERFUL NEW BLOOD...

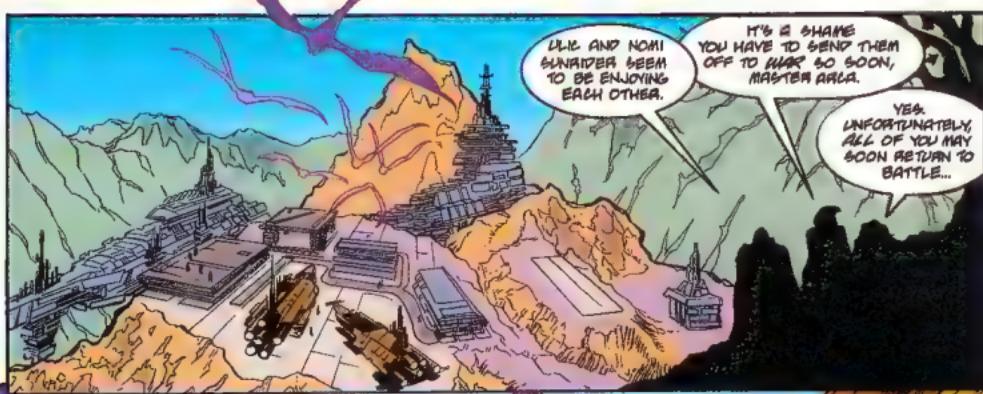


ONDERON.

ON A WORLD ONCE RULED BY DARK SIDE POWER, YOUNG JEDI KNIGHTS ARE ENJOYING A HOLIDAY.

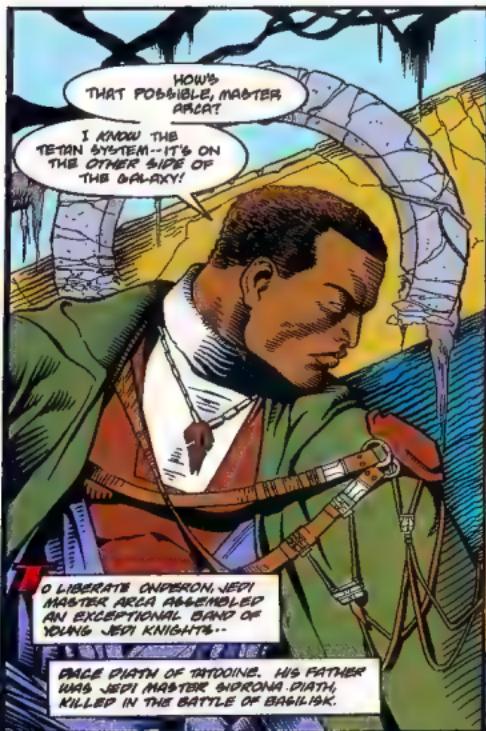
HIGH OVER THE GREAT WALLED CITY OF IZT, WHERE FREEPON HAD ONCE GOVERNED WITH AN IRON HAND, THE THOUGHTS OF LILIC GEL-DROMA AND NOHII SUNRIDER ARE FAR FROM THE DARK EVENTS OF THE PAST.

TOGETHER WITH THE JEDI KNIGHTS PACE, TOTT DOMEETA, AND QRRRL TOQ, THEY ARE LEARNING TO RIDE THE GREAT WARBEASTS OF ONDERON!



YES. UNFORTUNATELY, ALL OF YOU MAY SOON RETURN TO BATTLE...





COMBINED JEDI AND REPUBLIC FORCES WILL ATTEMPT TO SAVE THE TETAN WORLDS THAT ARE STILL RESISTING THE COUP.

DACE, GRRRL TOQ, OSS WILUM, AND SHORNEB...

I WANT YOU TO GO TO THE JEDI STRONGHOLD ON OSGG. INSTRUCT THE LEADERS ON THE JEDI AND REPUBLIC LEADERS ON WHAT YOU SAW HERE ON ONPERON.

GRRRL TOQ, NAZZAR PRINCE, DESIGNER AND BUILDER OF JEDI ARMOR. A FEARLESS WARRIOR.

IT'S BEEN AN HONOR TO SERVE YOU, MASTER ARCA.

NOMI SUNRISE WILL STAY WITH ME WHILE WE RECEIVE A LESSON IN JEDI BATTLE MEDITATION.

THEN SHE AND ULIC WILL FLY DIRECTLY TO THE EMPRESS TETA SYSTEM, TO LEAD THE JEDI EFFORT.

ULIC GEL-DROMA AND NOMI SUNRISE... HEROES OF THE BATTLE FOR ONPERON.

I'LL READY THE NEBULON RANGER WHILE YOU INSTRUCT NOMI, MASTER.



NO SO A TIME OF RELAXATION DRAWING TO A CLOSE. MASTER ARCA SPIRITS NOMI AWAY.

...AND DACE, OSS WILUM, SHORNEB, CULU, AND GRRRL TOQ DEPART FOR THE JEDI PLANET OSGG...

I'LL MISS 'EM... BRAVE WARRIORS AND GOOD FRIENDS.

YOU KNOW, ULIC, I WAS THINKING...

IF FREEDOM NAAD IS REALLY AT THE ROOT OF THIS TETAN THING, WE OUGHT TO CHECK OUT ALL THE SITH GEAR THAT KING OMMIN COLLECTED.

GOOD IDEA, CAY. LET'S GO.





"AND THERE IS ANOTHER EVEN GREATER THAN YOU!"

ANTOINE, MASTER
VODO'S WORLD.

AMIDST PEACEFUL RUINS THE
APPRENTICES OF VODO-SIOCK
BARS ARE TESTED IN THE ART
OF THE LIGHTSABER!

SHRUNNING

FOOLISH
CRADO—

YOU ARE
THE BEST OF US,
EXAR KUN.

I
CAN'T BEAT
YOU.

—SPEAK
THOSE WORDS ARE
YOU HAVE ALREADY
LOST!

FRANKLY,
IT IS NO HONOR
TO DEFEAT YOU,
CRADO!

KILL
IS HALF THE
WINNING!

AND I
STILL SAY IT
IS NO DISHONOR
TO LOSE TO
YOU.

BUT CRADO KNOWS HIS OWN
WORTH—HE IS NO MATCH FOR THE
FIGHTING SKILLS OF EXAR KUN!



SYLVAR...DON'T
WORRY ABOUT CRADO...HE'LL
BE FINE.

IT IS
YOUR TURN TO TEST
YOURSELF AGAINST THIS
SWORDSMAN WHO THINKS
SO HIGHLY OF
HIMSELF!

GLADLY,
MASTER.

IF KILL IS HALF THE BATTLE,
THEN SYLVAR HAS MORE THAN
HER SHARE. LOVER OF CRADO,
SHE WILL TAKE SPECIAL
PLEASURE IN DEFEATING
EXAR KUN!

THEIR LIGHTSABERS CLASH WITH
SUCH FORCE THE SOUND CAN BE
HEARD FOR KILOMETERS!

TRAINING

IT'S TIME YOU
LEARNED THAT ANIMAL
JEDI ARE NO MATCH
FOR HUMANS!

YOU INSULT
THE CATHAR! MANY
GREAT JEDI MASTERS
HAVE COME FROM
MY WORLD!











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SEARCH FOR THE SITH!